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1. The airfield is north of the Jrsava (23°03'E/48°19'N)-Lerehovo* (22°40'E/48°13'N) railroad line between Yanuzovo* and Hat', east of the Lerehovo-Mukacevo (22°43'E/48°25'N) road. (See Annex 2.) The construction of the airfield, started in 1946, was completed in 1947.
2. The 2 km square airfield had a radio station and cantonment buildings on the northern and western borders of the airfield.
3. The airfield was heavily occupied by aircraft.
4. A 2 km square airfield was under construction near Lerehovo in the direction of Mukacevo. The airfield personnel were quartered in cantonment buildings on the field. A large radio station was also at the field.
5. Three hundred to 350 twin-engine aircraft were stationed at the field.
6. The airfield northeast of Kantoryanos (probably Yanuzovo), east of the Leregszasz (Lerehovo) - Gat' (Hat') road had been used as an improvised landing field since the arrival of the Soviets. Large quantities of boards were shipped to the airfield in the fall of 1948.
7. Two brick buildings, each 15 meters square, and a large wooden shed were available at the airfield. (See Annex 2.)
8. Soviets arrived from Mukacs in the Summer of 1948. They were

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quartered in tents in a woods. Three or four large and many small aircraft were transferred to the airfield from Munkacs. Parachute jumps with 25 to 30 soldiers jumping from one large plane were seen.

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- a. [redacted] agree on the location of the improved airfield.
- b. The statement that 300 to 350 aircraft were, allegedly, stationed at the airfield seems to be exaggerated; its size also seems too large. The airfield is assumed to be occupied by a parachute training unit equipped with twin-engine Douglas transports. The question whether the reported "many small aircraft" are assigned to a pilot school or an air unit requires clarification.

2 Annexes: 2 sketches on ditto, Location Sketch of the Airfield North of Berehovo.

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Alternative Names of Towns Mentioned in this Report

Jrsava:	Srzava, Ilesva	4817	48-17N/23-03E
Uzhherod:	Uzhgerod		48-38N/22-19E
Munkacs:	Mukaceve, Mukacheve, Munkacheve		48-26N/22-43E
Bereheve:	Beregszasz		48-13N/22-40E
Gat':	Gat', Gut		48-19N/22-38E
Yankove:	Kanteryanesi, Makkes-Yanesi		48-15N/22-37E

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